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J. WILLIAMS KILLED.

FORMER EDITOR OF THE CHRONICLE MURDERED AT ARDMORE I. T.

Shot Down in the Street by C. B. Douglass, a Politician, on Account of an Humorous Article Which Appeared in His Paper.

James Williams, well known in this county, and for a number of years editor and proprietor of the CHRONICLE, was shot and instantly killed last Monday at 9:15 on the streets of Ardmore, I. T., by C. B. Douglass, a politician and aspirant for office.

As the people of Denton county have shown so much interest in the death of Mr. Williams, we reproduce the entire article said to have caused Douglass to commit the terrible murder. The article was written by another man named Sillman, who is correspondent for the Dallas News, we understand, at Ardmore. It was published merely as a joke.

In conversation with Hon. E. C. Smith, who returned from Ardmore Wednesday night, we learn the examining trial was postponed until Tuesday, June 15, to allow Douglass to arrange for counsel. The trial will take place in November. It is possible a change of venue will be granted, as the feeling is very intense, no man in the least excusing the cowardly assassin. The facts as we learn them from Mr. Smith are about as follows:

The article referred to appeared in Sunday's issue of the Ardmore Chronicle, of which Mr. Williams was editor. Monday morning Douglass met Williams on the street and said "It is time to settle this thing, for something similar Mr. Williams answered, he took a lead pencil from his pocket, "I have nothing but this pencil to defend myself with," and threw up both hands as Douglass drew his pistol. Douglass fired, the bullet striking the thumb of Mr. Williams left hand and passing on into his heart. Mr. Williams rolled and fell partly on his hands, and the brutal assasin came up and shot him in the head while he was struggling. It was so suddenly done that the twenty-five or thirty witnesses who were near had not time to interfere or even to realize the awfulness of the tragedy. Douglass turned his pistol over to a marshal and went before a commissioner and told him to arrange for his bail. The reply was that it was not a bailable matter and he must go to jail. He was locked up.

Douglass relied on his prominence as a politician to escape the consequences his crime deserves, but the people of that community will not allow any such consideration to sway them. The murderer will be dealt with justly, and there is not a man in Ardmore but believes he can escape the gallows. The men who were implicated with Douglass are doing all in their power to escape, and are letting Douglass shift for himself.

As stated we publish the article said to have been the provocation for the crime. No right thinking person can find the slightest provocation in it for the murder.

The article follows:

Ardmore, I. T., June 3, 1897.
Editor Rollers Dailey,
Ardmore, I. T.

Mr. Editor:—

If you haven't hired a poet yet I want me to writ the stuations for your paper send me a check and I will put you 199 beautiful stanzas I have just composed in spring. You will have to writ quick as I have other offers, but would rather writ poetry for the great and good Dailey. If you kant afford to hire me on full time I can practice law, go as a delegate to Washington or serve on Dawes Committees wen not writing stuations verses for your paper.

Respekfully, United States Cahoness, who are great admirers of my stuations, and Dr. Egnes, who sometimes practices and at moments writes with his pills say I should have the job. When the last congress met I was in Washington together, (in the interest of townsite legislation) before the St. Louis convn., I dedicated many of my vurses to McKinley. The other post rang Reeds praises. I also dedicated many of my vurses to Quay for interviews in the Overbrook Conservatory, and to the Berwyn Intelligence and a number of other leading papers of this kountry in which I stated I carried the State of Penn. in my vest vest pocket and that I would cast the 1st vote for the St. Louis for McKinley. I argued Tommy Reeds nomination couldn't not stand the strain of smoking $2.50 cigars like Macks pasals across. The other post is an interview in the Washington Herald in wich he was found in this pack of the woods and that he would go as a delegate to St. Louis and cast the vote for Reed.

My pegasis was urged on by the spur of the occasion and I let go of the lines for a time and writ some beautiful campaign poetry. One of my odes to McKinley was this:

O Billo McKinley!
Thou pride and glory of the nation,
Thou shalt be our President
Or bust inside a cotton plantation;

and I writ another one to Reed, but the chorus of the nation is the same:

This was largely copied and like the "In Skies so brite and meadows so green" I wrote for George Henry Preus and the farmers and Marchants Journal, translated into vulgar language. The lines so pleased McKinley that in consideration of my valuable campaign poetry he has promised me the Ardmore postoffice when Kommissioner Scott steps into this one. The office is now inspector of postoffices, but like Colonel Travis I prefered to make less and remain with my friends.

So far but two marines have offered themselves on the kountry altar by the offis—Mayor nels Redfield and Trask. Mr. Geary promised me a kickaroo in the ass at the department that Bro. Redfield has gotten directly over the office and has a hole cut in the floor and peeps down then at postmaster Scott selling stamps with curious and lustful eyes. What a good man, for this reason he is not available for postmaster.

The 3d Ast Post Master general very confidently informed me that the Dept of Justice and Trask was appointed to the office he would insist that the stamps be stuck on the letters, and packages with his asfaltum, which he is endeavoring to advertise. This is not allowed by the department.

Or again if Col. Trask were to be put in charge of the stamp department that the lady patrons would be inclined to linger too long at the stamp window and hurt the aim of Uncle Sam's stamps and thereby cut down the receipts of the office. All this is not allowed by the Dept.

So with the distinct understanding that I am not to writ any of my poems or enfusions on the backs of the letters I am to have the office.

The other post's enfusion "At Parting" is a beautiful sentimental mind and that he is contemplating a suicide, (I'll have all the poetry to writte then.) He says "Now it will be gone," he is my good bye, perhaps farewell; that he hopes they will smile him when he's gone and that he doesn't care if folks do tell him lenient or nod he's not going to writte poetry and everlastingly keep on trying to get a delegateship or a commissionership with a hero."

The verse don't say just the manner by which his taking off will occur, whether his pistle soul will slot beneath the biliary wave or whether he will take a common every day hot button or a dose of rosin on rats.

Immediately after these three appeared the post's Supreme Medical Examiner of North Americhee came on and made an examination of his ass and has ordered cancelled a $10 policy on his carcass.

The supreme examiner reported that he found an abnortion of the brain tissues somewhere. While perfectly harmless he has a mania for acting as a physicy or getting on some kind of a commission, wender under heaven from serving on Dawes Kommission under a Republican administration down to acting as commissioner at Tishomingo or yesterday clerking cupsakers and spittoons at the courthouse under Sene cornelic bonses. He is perfectly harmless and can't bite.

So if you want my verses write soon, as they will cost you more when I am the only poet in the public.

P. S. No body thinks "A Parting" was copied from a Florida paper.

ERASTHENUS.

A Picnic Party.

A picnic party composed of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Blewett, Mrs. John Kirkpatrick, Mr. Walter and daughter, Misses Birdie and Mamie Pascall, Leona Grey, Daisy Kimbro, Walter Kirkpatrick, Misses Willie Simmons, Walter Kirkpatrick, Joe and Waldo Blewett, spent three days at Mr. Blewett's ranch this week, returning last evening. They report a pleasant time.

It is told that Joe B——l fell into the creek and pulled a young lady in, but we think that the young lady fell in and Joe jumped in after her. That's more like it.

Allow me your attention just a moment. I am continually adding to my shoe stock of all the latest styles, and will give that department my very best attention. I will use every effort to keep it filled with selections for the least money possible. Please favor me with a trial order. I will not almost sure you will be satisfied in every respect thanks for past favors. Yours,

W. T. TAYLOR.

Engineer Injured.

Jesse Clark, engineer on GR. M. & T. local between Denison and Fort Worth, got his arm caught in the stock yard gate while leaning out of his cab window yesterday about 1:30, severely injuring the arm. Drs. Lipscomb dressed the injured member, which it is thought will not require amputation. The limb was badly torn, but if Clark is careful his arm will be all right soon, the physicians say.

Aztec Club.

A business meeting of the Aztec club will be held at Mrs. W. J. Pounder, president, on Thursday, June 17, at 9:30 a. m. A full attendance of members is requested.

MRS. ——, Secretary.

We will make life-size Pictures from any of the negatives that we have taken for $1.50 each. If we make a new negative the price is $2.00. Call at the Gallery and examine the work. WILLIAMS.

Some farmers are now threshing their wheat, but as yet we have not heard how it is yielding. It is said some of the binders are cutting 22 acres a day. That's moving things!

See G. W. Wilson & Co.'s handmade saddles and harness. Every thing out of first class materials, leather, and strictly up to date.

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A Card of Thanks.

The family and relatives of the late James Williams take this method to return their heartfelt thanks to the Pythians and citizens of Ardmore and Denton for the sympathy and generosity and extended to them in the saddest hours of their lives.

Conference Veterans.

The Confederate Veterans met last Saturday afternoon in the new courthouse and had a pleasant session. There were about fifty members present, Capt. W. J. Lacy presided. Four names were added to the roll of the camp, J. M. Cunningham, W. B. Phelps, E. D. Randall and R. B. Wills.

A committee consisting of Col. W. M. Woods, R. H. Bates, B. Sandy and P. C. Withers was appointed to prepare suitable resolutions of respect to the memory of deceased comrades, J. R. Burton and W. F. Taylor.

The camp is in favor of the same Confederate Veterans' Association," and instructed the delegates to the Nashville reunion to vote in favor of that name.

After adjournment the members all went over to the old courthouse where the ladies had cake and ice cream in profusion provided, and all the citizens who came near were invited in and liberally supplied. Pretty girls flitted about with dainties and bright smiles to the veterans of a war which closed long before they were born, and the occasion was one to inspire love and feeling in the hearts of all who were present.

The music pupils of Mrs. Thornley entertained a number of their friends in the parlors of Mrs. Davenport on Wednesday afternoon. The program was delightfully rendered, reflecting great upon their teacher as well as themselves. Mrs. Thornley's qualifications as a musician and as a teacher are so well known that it is useless to say any more of her. The friends went away well pleased and hoping to enjoy a number of such delightful recitals in the future.

Ladies, you are especially solicited to call when in Denton at the new and completely furnished ice cream parlor and restaurant for any and all dainties you might wish for. Ask your husband to take you there for any choice delicables you may desire. Next door to Fry's meat market.

TAYLOR & YANCEY.

C. E. Meeting at Lewisville.

Next week will be held by, or publish the program of the County Christian Endeavor meeting to be held at Lewisville June 25-27. An interesting and profitable session is expected, and all Christian Endeavors are invited to be present.

Thresher and gin men will find it to their interest to see Long Hardware Co. before buying belts, injectors, globe and angle valves, etc.

Ed C. Moody is now with S. S. Jones, the West Oak street hardware man, and is prepared to do all kinds of harness repairing. Satisfaction guaranteed. Try him.

Election Ordered.

Pilot Point will vote on incorporation on June 22, Judge I. D. Ferguson having ordered the election for that date. Pilot Point will doubtless put on style and become a city.

G. W. Wilson & Co., have just received a car load of hay-bale ties, and can name you very low prices.